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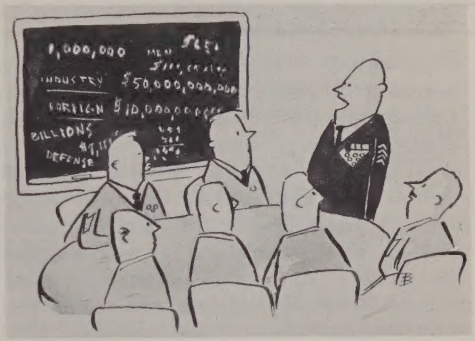
OUNTRY HAS SECOND THOUGHTS ON KHRUSHCHEV AND DISARMAMENT

The distinguished and difficult visitor had hardly got home (and left again China) before, surprisingly, the sober second thoughts began to be recorded he American press. There were still plenty to insist that Mr. K's disarmament n was only a part of the Soviet propaganda strategy designed to lull our sus- ions. New York's *Daily News* even resurrected for its two million readers the threat attributed to Dimitri Manu- ki, in 1930, that a huge peace offen- e intended to lower the capitalists' rd would *be* Soviet strategy "in nty or thirty years." (There is con- erable doubt that Manuilski ever said at any rate, the Library of Congress s been unable to find any record of it.) But there were others, of prominence, o in one way or another urged that opportunity to start real progress ard disarmament should not be lightly carded. Even former President Tru- n, who had told correspondents dur- the visit that he "wouldn't want" talk to Khrushchev, in a subsequent yrighted article acknowledged that he of Mr. K's proposals were "real- c" and "could be an important con- ution." Economists began to argue he letters columns of the *New York es* whether or not the country could ke the shift from war production to armament without disaster--in itself amaging comment on our system.

The President's decision to engage a "risk for the sake of peace" by iting Khrushchev here shows what be achieved by the right kind of s. We have come by this route to brink of peace. Can we not in the e way cross the threshold?

During most of the cold war, the ted States held unquestioned su- iority in nuclear weapons. Soviet hnology, as illustrated by the sput- s and the two recent moon shots, at least inserted a big question k. Some Americans react with alarm, ling for bigger expenditures to "de-



"If the communists suddenly trust us and disarm, we will be thrown out of work, and the country will fall into economic ruin. Are there other questions?"

ter" the Russians. But were the Russians ever really "deterred" from attacking us? Indeed, they were never in a better position to do so than now. Instead they sent their Premier and his his entourage.

The fight for peace is by no means over. Nor is the struggle for freedom. What we have now is rather a period of great opportunity -- a time when the United States can seize the initiative to press for disarmament -- not merely as a propaganda gimmick but as a concerted policy. Together with this opportunity, pacifists in particular are confronted with another one in the form of the forthcoming peace study conferences in the churches. Rather than breathe a sigh of relief at the relaxation of tension, now is the time to take a deep breath and take up the pacifist banner.

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Nonviolent Action Group Reorganizes Again

A second reorganization of the Committee for Nonviolent Action, formerly called Nonviolent Action Against Nuclear Weapons, was agreed upon at a meeting of the group's national committee at Pendle Hill, Pa., September 17. The new change in effect re-establishes the committee in its original form as an "ad hoc" group of individuals rather than an organization-sponsored committee.

As it was at first constituted, the committee sponsored both the Golden Rule voyage and the preceding demonstration at the testing grounds in Nevada. Although the active leadership of most of the established peace organizations was represented on the Committee, the existence of the group gave rise to rumors that its creation had been necessary because of the unwillingness of the older organizations to consider forms of direct action in their peace witness. Largely to clarify such misunderstandings, the ad hoc group gave way a year ago to the Committee for Nonviolent Action, jointly sponsored by concerned individuals and peace organizations. The latter included the Friends Peace Committee of the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, the War Resisters League, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, and FOR.

The decision to change back again to a committee of individuals reflects the national committee's belief that the CNVA can work more efficiently as an independent agency in "close, friend informal cooperation" with other p fist organizations. There was gen agreement that the year's operation the organizations had largely elimin misunderstandings and tension. new plan has been adopted pending proval of the sponsoring organizati

FOR Christmas Cards Ready for Delivery

Two new four-color Christmas ca plus a selection from previous ye were brought to the attention of F members and friends in a mailing e this month with a plea for early or to avoid the disappointments of late-season rush.

One of the new cards, a photogr of a statuette of St. Francis done Janice Pettee of California, include new version of the famous "little pray of St. Francis. Appropriate for Chr mas, it is expected also to find ex sive use all through the year.

The other card, using a new pa ing of two children by the Swiss a Hans Herzog, combines it with a f ment of verse by Carl Sandburg, the poet's permission.

COMING IN NOVEMBER

The next 36-page issue of FEL LOWSHIP, coming out November features articles on the struggl for racial equality in South Afric and the United States by Albert Lu thuli and James Lawson, a critica appraisal of Vinoba Bhave by Jame Bristol, a report by Alfred Hassl on the meeting of the Internationa FOR -- plus the story of Peace Pil grim and other reports and reviews

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NEWS from the peace front

A student conference on peace action will be held October 30 and November 1 at the University of Chicago with Norman Thomas as speaker. The conference is sponsored jointly by the Student Peace Union and FOR. Inquire SPU, 5504 So. Woodlawn, Chicago 37.

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A four-way FOR anniversary celebration has been scheduled for next April in New York City in connection with the annual meetings of the Fellowship's National Council. The occasion will mark the 45th anniversary of the founding of the American FOR, the 25th anniversary of *Fellowship* magazine, and the 75th birthdays of the Revs. A. J. Muste and John Nevin Sayre, former co-secretaries of the Fellowship. It is hoped to have representatives from all sections of the country at the dinner, which is tentatively scheduled for April 7.

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Andre and Magda Trocme, European secretaries of IFOR, separated in New York early this month--but only to go on different speaking tours to pacifist and church groups. They will be in this country until January 31. Their schedules may be had by writing to FOR, Box 271, Nyack, N. Y.

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Prof. Hannes de Graaf, Dutch chairman of the European IFOR Committee, visited in the United States on October 1. He will be the Paine Lecturer (on Christian pacifism) this fall at ten leading seminaries, and will preach in churches in Philadelphia, Chicago, St. Louis, Denver, Cedar Rapids and Mason City, Iowa. Dr. de Graaf is professor of Christian Ethics at the University of Utrecht and is a member of the commission of the World Council of Churches studying the theological implications of modern war.

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Seven ministers, headed by Dr. Henry Hitt Crane, have appealed to their clergymen to join them in a special day of the FOR-initiated Vigil and Appeal against biological-chemical weapons at Fort Detrick, Maryland. It is hoped that as many as 100 ministers will participate in the Vigil on October 20. Dr. Crane will speak in Frederick, Md., at a public meeting that evening. The Vigil, originally intended to last for only five days, is now in its fourth month. Its new headquarters is at 324 West Patrick, Frederick, Md.

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A memorandum on 35 agenda items before the UN General Assembly has been distributed to 700 delegates by the Commission of the Churches on International Affairs of the World Council of Churches. The memorandum, 53 pages long, calls for the ending of nuclear tests and production, and reduction of arms. It urges the exploration of "partial agreements" and the willingness to take "reasonable risks" if satisfactory full agreements cannot be reached.

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Three English pacifists left for Ghana on October 8 to participate in a direct action protest against nuclear tests that France is planning to conduct in the Sahara. Volunteers from other countries are expected to join them in Ghana, where the full team will leave for the Sahara next month. Among the many protests against the tests which have been sent to President Charles de Gaulle -- by both African and European groups -- was a strongly worded one from the French Federation Against Atomic Armament, headed by IFOR Secretary André Trocmé.

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The risk of possible totalitarian domination would be preferable to "assuming responsibility for a nuclear holocaust," President Eisenhower was told last month by the 31st biennial General Conference of the Mennonite Church. Meeting at Goshen, Indiana, the Mennonites reminded the President that centuries of persecution, including experiences of Mennonites under totalitarian rule since 1917, have not left them "unaware" of what such life is,

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and they pray that "such regimes may be transformed."

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A discussion on youth and violence in modern society, scheduled for October 24 in conjunction with the annual fall conference of the New York City FOR, will be led by a panel including spokesmen for juvenile delinquents and the "beat generation."

LIT◻NOTES

Prescription for Survival by Brock Chisholm is a forceful humanist argument for fundamental change. Man must get rid of his hostilities, says this noted scientist, if he is to survive in the atomic age. Copies of this book are available at $2.50 from Fellowship Publications, Box 271, Nyack, N. Y.

Orders are already coming in for two books just published by Fellowship. Have you sent in yours yet? *Defense in the Nuclear Age* by Stephen King-Hall ($2.75) states the case for unilateral nuclear disarmament (plus nonviolent resistance) on non-pacifist grounds of expediency. *The Power of Nonviolence* by Richard Gregg ($2.50) tells how the psychology of this technique works, describes its use in history and provides a useful guide for groups who want to train themselves for nonviolent action. This 1959 edition contains much new material not included in previous editions -- accounts of nonviolent resistance to the Nazis, the Montgom movement, and much more. Many want to replace their old editions this one, which is completely up-to-d Both the Gregg and King-Hall books available from Fellowship Publicati Box 271, Nyack, N. Y.

Seek Young Correspondents For 16,000 Abroad

Sixteen thousand students in A Africa and Europe are waiting for ters from American young people, cording to the Children's Plea Peace, whose headquarters are at World Affairs Center of the Univer of Minnesota. The informal, non-m bership group has the names of the dents abroad and is looking for Am can young people from 13 to 18 as respondents. Letters sent to the C with 25 cents as a handling and p tage charge, are forwarded by 25 vo teer workers to the students abro After that the correspondence is in hands of the young people themselv

The movement was largely insp by FOR member Julia Phillips Ru and other FOR members are active it. A 35-cent collection of childr prayers from many countries, enti "All Children Pray," features the il tration from a former FOR Christ card on its cover. Inquiries may sent to it at the World Affairs Cen Minneapolis 14, Minnesota.

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